THE MYSORE REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY OF 1909.

GENERAL SUBJECTS.

LEGISLATION.

(*Nos. 1 to 26.*)

SUBJECT No. 1.

1. Election of non-official members to the Legislative Council.

(1) Three members from the Representative Assembly.

(*a*) Messrs. V. Raghavachar, Mysore Taluk, Veene Rangasami Iyengar, and K. Krishnachar, Seringapatam Taluk, S. R. Balakrishna Rao, and S. Sitaramaiya, Shimoga Municipality.

(*b*) Messrs. S. Sitaramaiya, Shimoga Municipality, K. Krishnamurti Rao, Magadi Taluk, K. Sankaranarayana Rao, Nagar Sabha, and Ramanujaiengar, Kunigal Taluk.

(*c*) Mr. D. Venkoba Rao, Hole-Narsipur Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—(1) (*a*) It is prayed that three members may be elected from among the representatives to the Legislative Council, one member to represent each of the three Civil Divisions of the State, Nundydrug, Ashtagram and Nagar. The grouping into two divisions is not satisfactory, and the representative members of one district do not know those of another.

(*b*) Instead of two members for the whole State, one member for each district may be elected from among the representatives.

(*c*) The members of the Hassan District may be allowed to elect one member to the Council.

Reply of Government.—(1) The matter has been carefully considered in all its aspects and it has been decided to throw open only two seats for election for the present.

(2) Other suggestions.

(*a*) Mr. Moulvi Dervish Peer, Anjuman-i-Himayath Islam, Mysore.

Summary of discussion.— (2) (*a*) Nomination of two members (one Hindu and one Mahomedan) is preferable to the election of two members by the Assembly. Mussalmans are not as advanced as the Hindus.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao (*per contra*) stated that there was no such diversity of interests between the two communities and that the greatest friendly feeling prevailed.

(*b*) Mr. M. L. Narasimha Iyengar, Y. S. V. Sabha, Melkote.

(*b*) A Sanskrit pandit well versed in *Dharmasastras* and Politics may be nominated as a member to the Council.

(*c*) Mr. Madappa, Mysore Taluk.

(*c*) The Bangalore and the Mysore City Municipal Councils may be permitted to return a member.

(*d*) Mr. K. Krishnamurti Rao, Magadi Taluk.

(*d*) Four or five independent zamindars may be elected or nominated as members.

Reply of Government.—(2) Noted.

SUBJECT No. 2.

Veto of elections made by the members of the Assembly.

Messrs. K. Sankaranarayana Rao, Nagar Sabha, and M. Subba Rao, Heggaddevankote Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It is regretted that the members elected by the Representative Assembly to represent it at the Legislative Council last year were disapproved of by Government without any reasons being assigned therefor. The gentlemen elected were duly qualified and were the best that were available. They were members of Municipalities, District Fund Boards and of

the Representative Assembly for several years. Government had published their names as candidates to stand for election in the lists published on the day previous to the election. Having accepted their candidature and having given the members of the Assembly to understand that they were eligible for election, Government should have approved of their election especially as no new circumstances had come into existence against them between the date of the publication of their names as candidates and the date of vetoing the elections. If Government had considered that for any reasons they were not eligible to sit on the Council, their names should not have been allowed to stand on the list of candidates published during the session of the Assembly itself. It is prayed that Government may be pleased to assign reasons for the exercise of their veto and to modify the rules relating thereto, so that hereafter elections may not be vetoed without reasons being assigned therefor. The veto implies a slur on the Assembly. If any one in the list of approved candidates is elected, the election should be accepted. There are very few instances of the veto being exercised elsewhere.

Reply of Government.—The rules have recently been altered and the probability is that the election of a person from the list of approved candidates will be accepted by Government.

SUBJECT No. 3.

Right of interpellation at the Legislative Council.

Mr. K. Sankaranarayana Rao, Nagar Sabha.

Summary of discussion.—Members of the Legislative Council may be given the right of interpellation. This will serve as an efficient check on the actions of some public servants and will also secure to the public timely information on all matters of public importance.

Reply of Government.—This is a matter for future consideration.

SUBJECT No. 4.

Legislative measures to be approved by the Representative Assembly.

Messrs. Moulvi Dervish Peer, Anjuman-i-Himayath Islam, Mysore, C. Srinivasa Rao, Chikmagalur Taluk, S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Shimoga Municipality, and others.

Summary of discussion.—No Legislative Act should be passed by the Legislative Council, until it is discussed in the Representative Assembly. Some Acts at least should be placed before the Assembly for opinion. If some members wanted a bill to be so referred, it should be so dealt with. Opinions of individual members will not carry the same weight as the opinion of the Assembly.

Dewan.—The suggestion is not practicable. Legislation is not hurried through the Council and the members of the Representative Assembly may, if they like, informally meet and send up their opinions. Government would be glad if the Assembly would give a collective opinion on the Small Causes Court Regulation for instance. This will indicate how the suggestion will work.

Reply of Government.—Noted.